



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

November 2, 2022

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a great Halloween. Truth be told, my family and I got an early start on our trick-or-treating this year—we celebrated Halloween on August 12th! That's because we were in Disney World for the first night of Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party, which has been going on from mid-August through all of September and October.

Sure, it was fun to wear costumes and go trick-or-treating in the Magic Kingdom, but it was a little difficult to get in the Halloween spirit in the middle of August when the weather was over 95 degrees!

Monday was the last night of Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party, and by Tuesday morning, the Disney parks were already decked out for Christmas—the transformation literally happened overnight!

To me, that's pretty much how we celebrate the holidays now. We move from one right into the other. The summer gear in the stores is replaced by school supplies in July. School supplies are replaced by Halloween candy before Labor Day, and the ghosts and goblins are put on sale to make room for reindeer and elves by November first.

There doesn't seem to be any down time anymore, and some of the other less commercialized holidays, are almost ignored. When we go right from Halloween to Christmas, we seem to lose sight of Thanksgiving and church observances like yesterday's celebration of All Saints Day.

That's why I'm so glad that we place a special emphasis on Thanksgiving and All Saints Day here at SMCA. It's important that we celebrate the other important days on the calendar, even though they may not always have their place in the "seasonal" aisle at Walgreen's or Rite Aid!

Yesterday, it was great to see the saints marching back into Saint Mark Church for All Saints Day Mass! Continuing a long-standing tradition, each class adopted a saint, and at Mass one student from each class dressed up as the saint, while the another read some brief facts about the class's saint. Our students and teachers did a wonderful job, and we're thankful for Father Bob for joining us at Mass. As Father Bob said, we are all called to sainthood!

Also, preparations are underway for our annual Thanksgiving feast, which we haven't been able to have since 2019. Since my first year at Saint Mark, this has always been my favorite event! We pride ourselves on the welcoming, family-like environment here at SMCA, and what better way to celebrate family than with the entire school gathering Thanksgiving dinner the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, even if dinner is at 9:30am!

The start of the school year through the Christmas recess is always a busy time. Just look at what we have accomplished already, and so much more still lies ahead. I look forward to celebrating the holidays and the "down time" (if there is any!) with all of you! Thank you for being a part of our school family!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

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For grades 5-8 only

FIRST TRIMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

CLASS	Thursday 11/17	Friday 11/18	Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22
5	Social Studies(AM) Religion(PM)	ELA	Math	Science

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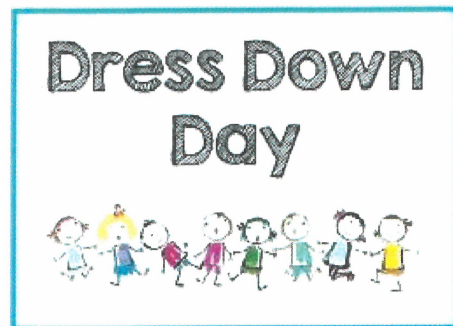
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PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Tuesday, November 8th

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



- All money must be paid in advance by Friday, November 4th. Please do not drop off money in the office. **Late payments WILL NOT be accepted.**
- No pizza may be purchased on Tuesday, November 8th.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available Tuesday, November 8th, so students not participating **MUST** bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda.) No drinks will be available.
- There is no fee for 3K and PreK students, but donations are accepted. Thank you!

Although it is a dress down day, students are reminded to dress with modesty. Students should adhere to the following attire as described in the Parent-Student Handbook:

- Appropriate length skirt, shorts or dress - no shorter than 3" above the knees
- No torn or tight jeans or pants
- No spaghetti strap tanks, midriiffs, tube tops, etc.
- No logo type T-shirts
- No hats (unless specifically designated)
- No loose/baggy pants or shorts
- No make-up or nail polish (including gels/French manicures)
- No hoop earrings or excessive jewelry
- No jeggings, leggings, or skinny jeans

Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.

PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Tuesday, November 8th

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

If you would like to order any additional slices of pizza, one additional slice is \$3.

One slice of pizza and dress down: \$5
Additional slices: ___ @ \$3 each: + \$___
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$___